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Letter of Appeal  
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**RE: Appeal of Funding Commitment Decisions (New Media Technology  
Charter School - Philadelphia, PA BEN 16028438, 471 application: 538000,  
FRN: 1489933 and 1489945)**

Dear Sir or Madam:

On behalf of the captioned entity, we would respectfully appeal the SLD decision to fund the captioned funding requests at a reduced discount level.

It is our understanding that the captioned funding request discount percentages were reduced because the “The site-specific discount was reduced to a level that could be validated based on third party data.” In response to this decision and the reason given, we respectfully submit one ground for appeal that we hope will help to overturn this decision.

**Ground 1: SLD erred in its initial review**

We reject the third-party data used to validate the discount percentage. During the PIA review process, we provided information to demonstrate the school was entitled to a 90% discount. Without warning, SLD opted to disregard our submission and exchange it with unknown "third-party" data that was never disclosed to the applicant.

We have no knowledge of what this data is, or if it is accurate or possibly out-of-date. No PIA reviewer ever advised us that the data we submitted was either faulty, incorrect or suspect.

Finally, it is not in the interest of public policy to simply exchange information supplied by a school that relates to its discount percentage with third-party data, especially with respect to a particularly needy school.

This is the same argument we raised with our appeal for form 471 application number 538032, FRNs: 1490034, 1490057, 1490090, and 1490120. We would respectfully request that this appeal be processed along with that appeal (filed w/SLD on 12/05/2006; included as attachment A) for the sake of expediency.

Thank you for your thoughtful review of our appeal; we hope that we provided sufficient grounds for our appeal to be granted. Should you require additional information or should have any questions, please feel free to contact Chris A. Quintanilla of Youth Empowerment Services, the school's e-rate project manager and attorney-in-fact in this matter, at 215/694-3955 or [chrisqu@yesphilly.org](mailto:chrisqu@yesphilly.org).

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Representing New Media Technology Charter School, Philadelphia, PA (BEN 16028438)

471 application: 538000

Attachments (1)

**ATTACHMENT A**

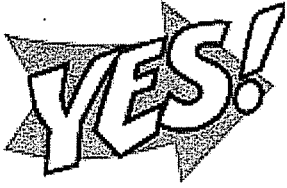
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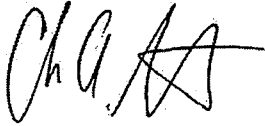
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